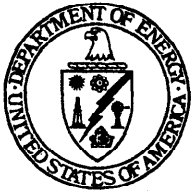


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SUBJECT: Request for Concurrence on Accelerating the V-Tanks Remedial Action
(EM-ER-218)

Dear Mr. Pierre and Mr. Nygard:

DOE is requesting agency Project Manager concurrence on the path forward for accelerating the TSF-09 and TSF-18 V-Tanks remedial action. During their November 8, 2000 conference call, the agency WAG Managers agreed that accelerating the V-Tanks remedial action is necessary to eliminate the risk of V-3 overflowing due to continuing level increases in the tank. Although measures have been taken to eliminate the probable cause of the level increase (surface water run-off), the source of the influent has not been completely confirmed.

Accelerating the V-Tanks cleanup requires the following changes to the OU 1-10 Remedial Design/Remedial Action Scope of Work:

- The remedial design for the V-Tanks will be addressed in the Group 2 Remedial Design/Remedial Action Work Plan as currently planned in the RD/RA SOW. The enforceable date for the Group 2 RD/RAWP remains August 6, 2001.
- A new document, the Group 3 RD/RAWP, is established and will be prepared to address the TSF-26 PM-2A Tanks site and the TSF-03 and WRRTF-01 Burn Pits sites. The Group 3 RD/RAWP will be prepared with the same content and following the same working schedule as the Group 2 RD/RAWP except that it will be prepared approximately one year later.
- A new enforceable date for the Group 3 RD/RAWP is established as September 30, 2002.
- The enforceable date for the Remedial Action Report will be set in the Group 3 RD/RAWP rather than in the Group 2 RD/RAWP.

- The working schedule for the TSF-06 soil remedial action in both the RD/RA SOW and the Group 1 RD/RAWP is revised so that the TSF-06 soil remedial action is done in the summer 2002 field season rather than the summer 2001 field season. This change does not affect the current enforceable milestone of February 2005 for completing the disposal of contaminated soil from TSF-06 and TSF-26.

The above changes will allow us to award a subcontract for the V-Tanks remedial design and remedial action. Current FY 01 funding will be used to prepare the Group 2 (V-Tanks) RD/RAWP and position the project to begin V-Tanks contents removal in early FY 02 (October 2001). A milestone will be included in the subcontract requiring the contractor to remove the contents of tank V-3 in the fall of 2001. The current subcontracting approach and an accelerated working schedule for preparing the Group 2 RD/RAWP will enable us to start the V-Tanks remedial action over a year earlier than planned in the current RD/RA SOW working schedule. The agency WAG managers have discussed this approach and agree that it is the best way to proceed.

Please respond with your concurrence on this approach and with the changes to the RD/RA SOW by November 27, 2000. As always, feel free to contact me at (208) 526-4392 or Mark Shaw at (208) 526-6442 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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